



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

CITATION REJECTION POLICY

I. Purpose

This document memorializes criteria for rejecting traffic and minor offense Notice to Appear citations ("citations") filed with the court by law enforcement agencies. This policy is based on requirements established by the Judicial Council (*Notice to Appear and Related Forms*, July 1, 2010), the court, and various statutes that govern what information must be included on citations.

II. Policy

When a citation is filed with the court that fails to meet any of the established criteria listed below, it will be rejected and returned to the issuing agency for correction. The clerk will include a completed Citation Return Form (SDSC Form #MO-006), specifying the reason(s) the citation is being returned.

The following is a list of reasons for which a citation will be rejected and returned to the issuing agency:

- Date of violation is incorrect or missing
- Name is illegible or does not match DMV record
- Address is abbreviated, illegible, or is missing (unless the citation is marked "Transient")
- CA Driver License # does not match person cited,* is incorrect,* is incomplete,* or is missing*
- Commercial License – Yes/No box is not marked
- Date of birth is incorrect,* or is missing*
- Sex/Gender is missing*
- License Plate or VIN is missing (does not apply to pedestrian/bicycle tickets)
- Correctable Offenses
 - Offense is potentially correctable but Yes/No box is not checked
 - Offense is NOT correctable and box is marked "Yes"
- Offense is either NOT identified as an infraction or misdemeanor, or is incorrectly identified as an infraction or misdemeanor
- Code Section (VC, PC, etc.) is not specified
- Offense and description do not match
- Offense cited is not a valid offense
- Offense description is missing
- Approx. speed is missing or is less than max speed for section cited
 - Veh. Code § 22349(a) Approx. speed must be more than 65 MPH
 - Veh. Code § 22349(b) Approx. speed must be more than 55 MPH
- Location and/or city of violation is missing or is abbreviated
- Officer's badge # is missing
- Defendant's* and/or officer's signature is missing
- Appearance date is incorrect (e.g. Sat., Sun., holiday, past-date, or is less than 21 days after violation date)
- Appearance date is missing
- Appearance location is incomplete or is missing
- Citation was filed with the court but should be filed with district or city attorney
- Citation was filed in adult court but is a juvenile court case
- Citation was filed in juvenile court but is an adult court case
- Appearance location on citation is different than where citation was filed
- Citation is not the original
- Correction notice filed without the original citation
- Juvenile arrest report is missing (applies to citations filed with the Juvenile Court)
- Original affidavit is missing (applies to citations filed with the Juvenile Court)
- Overweight violation (Veh. Code § 4000.6) – overweight is less than 1,001 pounds
- Overweight violation – weight is not specified
- Parking violation
- Owner's responsibility – proof of service is incomplete or missing
- Owner's responsibility – owner's name/information is not on citation; only the driver's name/information/signature is included

*Does not apply to "Owner's Responsibility" citations.